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FROM: J. Tyler McCauley

Auditor-Controller

SUBJECT: DUPLICATE ISSUANCE OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION CHECKS

This is to inform you that on December 12, 2003, our office erroneously processed a Worker's Compensation payroll file resulting in 1,949 duplicate check issuances. As soon as the problem was discovered, my staff placed stop payments on the duplicate checks. We confirmed that all the stop payments were successful.

We have notified impacted payees that we placed stop payments on the duplicate checks, and requested the payees to return the uncashed checks to our office.

We are working with Worker's Compensation staff in the Chief Administrative Office to recover any overpayments, and to formalize procedures for reimbursing payees for returned check fees, which their financial institutions may charge.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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c: David E. Janssen